

Malvern Red & Black Society
Executive Committee
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
7:00 p.m., MCI Archives Room 202A

Present: S. Burk (Chair), A. Ashby, J. Heighway, Vandra Masemann, R. Tennyson
Regrets: D. Fuller, Volker Masemann, D. Renwick, R. Watson, I. Hubel, L. Maxwell

1. Minutes of April 9, 2019 meeting

Motion: That the Minutes of the April 9th meeting be accepted.

Moved by Vandra Masemann, seconded by J. Heighway.

Carried.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

- **The Big Book**

Vandra noted that she consulted with the Principal about the issue of turning ownership of the Big Book over to the MRBS. The Principal has agreed, and a draft letter stating our ownership will be forthcoming.

- **Missing Item from Archives Room**

The 1967 Book of Letters still has not been located. Principal B. Shaw put out a letter to staff but no response has been received yet.

- **Display of Archival Materials**

Vandra met with the Principal on April 10th and reported that the Principal fully approves of our proposed themed displays of archival materials in display case(s) on the ground floor.

- **Recruitment of Volunteers to Serve on MRBS Executive**

As a result of Evan's passing, the position of Vice-President is now vacant. Sandra to post on Facebook to see if there are any interested candidates.

- **Commencement**

Commencement is scheduled for June 28 at Parkview Manor, at Don Mills and Eglinton, from 12-2 p.m.

- **MRBS Award**

Vandra noted that the Parents' Council plans to do away with student awards over \$100. Also, we can no longer designate awards by students' gender. As in previous years the MRBS awarded \$100. each to one male and one female student, discussion ensued about the possibility of giving one outstanding student an award of \$200.

Motion to change our previous practice of two awards to providing one \$200. award to be given to the student who most exemplifies the Malvern spirit.

Moved by Vandra Masemann, seconded by S. Burk.

Carried.

3. Announcements

- **Memorial for Evan J. Butchers**

Vandra, Volker and Joyce attended the Celebration of Life for Evan Butchers that was held at the Balmy Beach Club on April 28th and stated that the event had been very

moving and had been well attended. The MRBS made a financial contribution to the event. Surplus was donated to the Calvary Baptist Church Food Bank.

- **Informal Malvern Reunion**

Alumnus Rob Williams arranged an informal Malvern reunion that was held on May 11th at the Rex Hotel on Queen St. W. Music was provided by Swing Shift.

- **Class of 1979 40th Reunion**

8 p.m. on Friday, May 31st at Balmy Beach Club. Deck and lounge reserved for reunion. For info contact Rusty Hick.

- **Reese Fallon Legacy Scholarship**

Over \$80,800. raised to date.

- **MCI Prom Night**

The Malvern Prom is to be held at the Palais Royale on June 17th at 6:00 p.m.

- **MCI Sports**

Congratulations to MCI Division 2 Squash Team for finishing 2nd and winning a silver medal in the Provincial tournament. Also to the MCI Track and Field team for winning 2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals at the U of T track meet on May 10th.

4. President's Report – Sandra Burk

Sandra had nothing to report.

5. Communications Reports –

- **Vandra Masemann – mail**

Vandra stated that we had received 1 death notice and 1 returned *Musings*.

- **Bob Watson – email**

Bob, despite his absence, sent notice that we had received 3 emails, all of which were to be redirected.

- **Dianne Chadwick – database**

In Diane's absence, there was no report.

- **David Fuller – website, Facebook - discussion of Members List**

In David's absence, there was no report. However, Vandra noted that the Domain host is to be renewed and Sandra noted that January to September MRBS minutes were previously provided to David and are to be posted on the MRBS website.

Moved acceptance of Communications reports: A. Ashby, seconded by J. Heighway.

Carried.

6. Treasurer's Report – Bob Watson

- Bob stated that there was \$1,835.49 in our bank account, plus one cheque that had not been cashed, and a cheque from the OMF for \$1371.

Moved acceptance of the Treasurer's report: S. Burk, seconded by A. Ashby.

Carried.

7. Archives Committee Report – Vandra Masemann

- Vandra noted that Donna Halliday has nearly finished entry of data for the digitization of the archives. The recent fire at York Memorial served to reinforce the need to preserve our archives.

- In order to make the archives better known within the school and beyond, a number of initiatives were discussed, including Vandra's planned Power Point presentation to the Parent Council and the possibility of producing a variation on Canada's very successful Heritage Minutes (e.g., short videos on sports at Malvern, drama at Malvern, etc.) The hope is that we could involve students with an aim to create projects with the Media Arts teacher, Sean Mathew, to make members of the public and students new to the school aware of its past. The ideas have been presented to the Principal and Mr. Mathews, both of whom expressed interest.
- With respect to problems with students' usage of the archival materials and room, Vandra reported that the Principal now has a meeting room on the third floor which may be used by students instead of the archives room.

8. Improving MRBS Communications

Discussion took place regarding a number of issues raised and suggestions made in a document circulated by Rod and Bob about how we could improve our communications, including refurbishing our website. It was agreed that we need expert help in addressing the proposals and that a search will be made to find someone who could serve as a designer.

Motion that we support in principle the issues contained in the document from Rod and Bob.

Moved by R. Tennyson, seconded by Vandra Masemann.

9. Application for Charitable Tax Status – B. Watson/Volker Masemann

The application is currently in abeyance.

10. Cenotaph Repairs - Vandra Masemann

Vandra stated that the replacement of the Cenotaph sword is on hold. However, we hope to have the damaged letters on the plinth repaired in time for Remembrance Day in November.

11. Other/New Business

The annual July BBQ will be held at Vandra and Volker's new home on July 9th at 6 p.m.

12. Next Meeting – Tues. June 11th, 7:00 p.m., MCI Archives Room

13. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by A. Ashby. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.